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CONNECTION

Group: 2141

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Sir:

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	ABSTRACT	
						YES	NO
	<b>WO 94/28492</b>	<b>12-1994</b>	<b>WIPO</b>			<b>X</b>	
	<b>JP 9-160885</b>	<b>6-1997</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>X</b>	
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**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**


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